

Friday News 21.11.2025

Winter has definitely arrived this week with a sudden drop in temperature! Apologies that the path was not gritted this morning, we were let down by the county gritting service which was very reliable last year. We have been in contact with them this morning and have been reassured that this will not happen again. Thank you to those who offered to throw some grit around for us.

Attendance

We achieved **96.4%** attendance this week, this is an increase on last week. Year R are our attendance champions this week with **98.5%**, well done Year R! They were very closely followed by Year 3 with 98.4% and Year 4 with 97.9%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

Sweets in packed lunches

We have noticed that some children have a packet of Haribos in their packed lunch. These do not follow the guidelines for healthy eating in school. Please do not pack sweets.

School dinners

We have noticed that a lot of our younger pupils, who are entitled to universal free school meals are choosing the same pick n mix options every day and not trying the delicious school meals on offer. Especially with the cold weather, we know how important it is for children to have a nutritious hot lunch. We have a few ideas about ways in which we can encourage children to have the hot dinner, which may be restricting pick and mix on some days. We will always offer a jacket potato each day. Please can you complete the survey via this link [Caterlink School Lunches – Fill in form](#) by Monday 1st December and we will take your views to our catering company.

PTFA

The PTFA have been working extremely hard and have put together a fantastic haul of prizes for the Christmas Raffle.

We will be holding a non-uniform day **next Friday the 28th November** for donations for the prize hampers. Raffle tickets will go home with children today. Please see the attached poster for more information.

There is also a donation box by the office for any Christmas Jumper donations as well.

Community Larder / Book Swap

We have four Year 6 pupils helping out at the community larder on Friday. We would love to be able to take some donations with us. There is a basket for any donations in the foyer by the front office.

In the front office, there is also a book swap. This is for children's and adult's books, please come, have a look and help yourself.

Key Dates - Autumn term (these may be added to)

28th November - Non-Uniform - donations for raffle prizes

4th December - Live nativity walk (tbc) (Antarctica, Africa and Oceania classes)

9th December - Antarctica nativity to parents pm

11th December - Antarctica nativity to parents pm

16th December - KS2 Christmas concert at the church pm

18th December - Christingle in school

18th December - Christmas dinner day - Christmas Jumpers can be worn over normal school uniform

19th December - Last day of term - Christmas Jumpers can be worn over normal school uniform

5th January - PD Day

6th January - Children back to school

Have a very happy weekened everyone!



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"Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them"

MATTHEW 19:14